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# Monsanto, Ag Groups Sue Calif. Over Glyphosate Listing

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## Senate Confirms Ex-Coal Exec For Mine Safety Post

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday confirmed a former coal executive who was President Donald Trump's pick to serve as the nation's top mine safety regulator on a strict party-line vote. Read more »

# Ex-DOI Scientist Sues For Employee Reassignment Info

A former U.S. Department of the Interior policy leader who has blasted the Trump administration over its approach to climate change sued the agency Tuesday for allegedly stalling on his request for information about how employees were reassigned after the January inauguration. Read more »

## Enviros Urge 9th Circ. To Revive Wind Farm Challenge

A conservation group has asked the Ninth Circuit to overturn a lower court decision tossing claims that the Bureau of Indian Affairs violated environmental law in approving a lease between a wind farm developer and a California tribe, saying the agency failed to do enough to protect golden eagles and other birds. Read more »

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# Chesapeake Bay Paper Sues EPA For Details After Grant Cut

A regional newspaper covering environmental issues affecting the Chesapeake Bay sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday in D.C. federal court for information regarding its sudden decision to cut the paper's funding, arguing that the decision raises questions about the Trump administration's support of free speech and scientific reporting. Read more »

## Conservationists Demand Docs About Wash. Wolf Killings

A national conservation group sued the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in state court on Tuesday for records related to an investigation into the killing of a wolf by a ranch hand, as well as wildlife officials' controversial decision to kill members of wolf packs, alleging that the department is misleading the public on the timing of the animal deaths. Read more »

#### Fla. Courts Won't Move Citrus Canker Suits To Tallahassee

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